

# ICCTA ACTION ALERT

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July 15, 2005

Governor Rod Blagojevich has approved a number of bills sent to him by the Illinois General Assembly. Under the provisions of the Illinois Constitution, the Governor may have up to 90 days to act on a bill after it is passed by the state legislature. Since the General Assembly adjourned on May 31, 2005, the Governor has until the end of August to act on bills that were passed at the end of May.

Gov. Blagojevich may exercise one of four options when acting on legislation: 1) Approve the legislation by signing the bill; 2) Veto the legislation; 3) Amendatorily veto the legislation by making recommendations for specific changes to the bill; or 4) Take no action, which allows the bill to become law without the Governor's signature.

## NEW LAWS AFFECTING COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Several bills affecting community colleges have been signed into law by the Governor:

**Senate Bill 2112**                      **Trustee & Faculty Member Appointments to ICCB** (Demuzio / McCarthy)  
**ICCTA Position:**                      **SUPPORT**

Provides that beginning on July 1, 2005, one of the 11 members appointed to the Illinois Community College Board by the Governor must be a currently serving community college trustee. Additionally, requires that one of the 11 members appointed to the Illinois Community College Board by the Governor must be a faculty member at an Illinois public community college. Originally an Illinois Federation of Teachers initiative, this bill was amended by ICCTA to include the "trustee" requirement and became one of the priority issues during the association's May 4 Lobby Day in Springfield. SB 2112 is now **Public Act 94-0157**.

**SB 226**                                      **Agenda / Minutes Postings on Web Site** (Cullerton / Froehlich)  
**ICCTA Position:**                      **MONITOR**

Requires a public body (including community colleges) that maintains its own website to post the following on the website:

- (1) The agenda of a regular meeting of the public body's governing body, which shall remain on the website until the conclusion of the regular meeting;
- (2) Notice of all meetings of the governing body, including the annual notice of regularly scheduled meetings. Such notice shall remain in the website until a new public notice is prepared; and
- (3) Beginning July 1, 2006, the public body shall post the minutes of a regular meeting of its governing body open to the public on the public body's website within 7 days of the approval of the minutes by the public body and shall remain on the website for at least 60 days after their initial posting. Provides that failure to post on the website does not invalidate meetings or actions of the governing body.

SB 226 is now **Public Act 94-0028**.

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**SB 445                      Use of Student's Social Security Number (Martinez / Fritchey)**

**ICCTA Position:        MONITOR**

Provides that a community college or a university may not print an individual's social security number on any card or other document required for the individual to access products or services provided by the community college. SB 445 is now **Public Act 94- 0026**.

**SB 463                      GED Transfer to ICCB (Maloney)**

**ICCTA Position:        SUPPORT**

Amends the School Code and the Public Community College Act to transfer all powers and duties of the Illinois State Board of Education with regard to high school equivalency testing and certificates under the School Code to the Illinois Community College Board. (SB 463 was one of ICCTA's priority issues during the association's May 4 Lobby Day in Springfield.) SB 463 is now **Public Act 94- 0108**.

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